

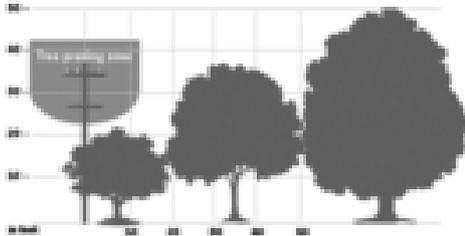
Tree Trimming Picture This

OPPD's tree-trimming is a cut above

Trees and reliable electric service are both important to our community, but the two can not always coexist. Tree limbs can bring down power lines, causing outages, and in some cases power lines can be safety hazards. OPPD crews trim away from lines for two reasons:

- Maintain public safety
- Ensure reliable electric service

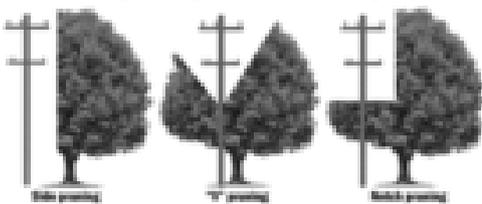
Optimal tree placement



Natural trimming method

OPPD adheres to the standards of natural selection operations when trimming trees. The utility uses a "natural" trimming method in which branches are pruned back to the natural point of growth. The procedure is healthier than indiscriminately cutting away from parts of the tree. The natural method enables the tree to heal faster, which reduces the chances of insect and disease damage. It also promotes a healthier growth of branches directed away from power lines.

3 common ways OPPD prunes trees for safety



Highly qualified professionals

OPPD employs a highly trained staff of arborists, who are certified arborists. The branch crew checks for signs of conditions that threaten safety. Each arborist is trained and must maintain ongoing training in arborist activities.

Trimming techniques

Before a crew is allowed to remove a branch, arborist operators determine and identify certain risks to the structure. The branch arborist will then take measures with them. The arborist uses a directional pruning chain that helps the tree to grow away from the power lines and minimizes the number of cuts required.

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